

# Incentives for IAs improve

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The Task Force Individual Augmentation update announced in NAVADMIN 136/07, released May 29, contains the Navy's latest improvements to incentives for Sailors who serve as IAs.

NAVADMIN 136/07 modifies incentives previously listed in NAVADMIN 273/06 and NAVADMIN 280/06.

"These initiatives will help to better recognize our Sailors serving in assignments that support GWOT (global war on terrorism)," said Lt. Cmdr. Juliet Cook, head enlisted advancement planner, OPN132C in Washington. "It gives them credit for their willingness to take the hard road and complete a job that not everyone is able to do."

The Navy currently has more



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## IA training at Fort Jackson, S.C.

than 10,000 Sailors in IA duty assignments all over the world. As the need for additional Sailors to serve in the GWOT increases, the Navy will continue to improve IA incentives.

The modifications include:

— Tours over 270 (vice 365) days will be considered equivalent to forward-deployed naval forces tours. These Sailors will be given the same benefits, including coast selection preference and priority choice of follow-on duty assignments and locations.

— Sailors who have completed an IA tour greater than 90 consecutive days of service in Iraq, Afghanistan, the Horn of Africa, Kuwait, Cuba, Joint Task Force 515 or the Joint Force-Philippines and have parent command endorsement, are now authorized two award points towards advancement. Additional flexibility will also be given to operational command-

ers to administer advancement exams in those locations.

— IA detailing: Within the next several months, the Navy will begin assigning Sailors to Joint Manning Document (JMD)-validated missions through normal detailing channels (using PCS orders).

— Streamline the awards process for GWOT Sailors to make sure they are properly recognized for their service.

For more information, go to <http://www.npc.navy.mil>.

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